



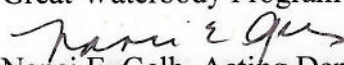
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Office Directors, Office of Water
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FROM: 
Nanci E. Gelb, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator

SUBJECT: *National Water Program's FY 2008 Best Practices and End of the Year Performance Report*

I am pleased to provide you with the final *National Water Program's 2008 Best Practices and End of the Year Performance Report*. The report describes the progress we made in FY 2008 (i.e. through September 2008) toward the strategic targets and program activity measures described in the 2006 EPA *Strategic Plan* and the 2008 *National Water Program Guidance*. The report also highlights major performance trends over the past three years for each subobjective and selected priority measures. The *Report* can be found on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/water/waterplan/fy08.html>. The chapter on Best Practices is provided as a separate web link to allow for easier access.

This *Report* is based on materials and analysis developed in December 2008 by Headquarters and Regional staff working together on Subobjective Teams addressing each of the National Water Program's fifteen key subobjectives in the 2006 EPA *Strategic Plan*. The *Report* includes four major elements:

- Overview of performance results and recent trends for all 2008 National Program measures;
- Descriptions of "best practices" demonstrating innovations in program implementation;
- Performance highlights, long-term trends, and management challenges for each Subobjective; and
- An appendix of data for environmental and program related measures, including national, and in many cases EPA Regional data.

In general terms, water program implementation at the end of FY 2008 was strong and is consistent across the EPA Regional office water programs. EPA and States are making progress toward more effective integration of programs and are expanding efforts to coordinate our work with that of other agencies implementing related programs.

I want to thank the water program managers and staff who supported this performance assessment through the development of end-of-year data and the organization and presentation of subobjective reviews. I am pleased with our progress to date and look forward to continued progress in FY 2009.

Please feel free to contact me if you have comments or questions (202-564-5700). Please contact Michael Mason (202-564-0572) or Jill Smink if you would like additional printed copies of the *Report*.

Attachment:

National Water Program's FY 2008 Best Practices and End of the Year Performance Report

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